

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.342**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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AUTHOR:	Senator Gregory	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	16-17-502
SUBJECT:	Illegal Distribution of Tobacco Product Samples		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 342 would amend section 16-17-502 of the South Carolina Code of Laws so as to make it unlawful for an individual to distribute a tobacco product sample to a person of any age. First or second offenses shall receive a fine of no less than two hundred dollars, while third offenses within a three year period shall receive a fine of not less than five hundred dollars.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Enactment would have no impact on the General Fund of the State, or on Federal and/or other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Responses from two of the local governments indicate enactment would have no impact on expenditures. One respondent anticipated additional costs of \$7,500 in non-recurring expenses and \$3,000 annually thereafter.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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